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## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of the present application and drawings is requested. Corrected Replacement drawings are enclosed herewith, under a separate cover page. More specifically, numeral "38" has been placed on figure 4, numeral "19" has been placed on figure 7 and numeral "84" has been placed on figure 7. The lead line for "W" has been extended to now properly show the wall "W" in figure 1B to correspond to the lead line of "W" in figure 1A. Letters "L" and "W" have been placed in figure 14, which were called out in the specification. No new matter has been added. Approval of the corrections to the drawings is requested.

The Specification is objected to for several reasons. Examiner states that cooling of the fluid of claim 3 is not specified in the specification. Examiner is directed to page 18, lines 7 through 9 which discusses "temperature and pressure controlled fluid source 22..." . Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Examiner objects to the Title as being incomplete. The Title has been amended and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

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The term endoscope and scope are used interchangeably, such use being believed correct. Applicants have however amended the specification and request that Examiner withdraw the objection thereto. Examiner objects to “40” and “112” as used for multiple elements. The specification has been amended to correct such error.

The text of page 9 following the text on the bottom of page 8 is believed to be accurate. Withdrawal of Examiner’s objection is requested.

The Examiner’s objections to the text of the Specification on pages 5, 9, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27 have been amended where believed necessary. Withdrawal of the Examiner’s objections thereto is earnestly requested.

Page 24 has been amended to overcome examiner’s objection thereto.

Examiner states that “optimum” on page 25 is misspelled. Applicants cannot find any such misspelling.

Examiner objects to the paragraph on page 25 regarding beam deflection as not being clear, and that no means is shown to deflect the beam or control the convergence. On page 20, lines 13-14, the laser fiber 46 is identified as “individually steered”. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

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Claims 28, 33 and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being improper. Claims 25 through 37 have been cancelled making such rejection thereof moot. Withdrawal of such rejection under 35 USC 112 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17-20, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent to Gowda et al. claims 24-27, 30 and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Campbell et al. Claims 7, 8, 16, 21, 29, 31, 33, 35 and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious and hence unpatentable over the cited art.

Claims 22 and 23 have however been held allowable, but stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 22. Thus it is believed that independent amended claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are now allowable, such action being solicited. Independent claim 24 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1, and is believed allowable, such action also being requested.

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Applicants believe that all corrections to the figures and to the specification have been made. Applicants request that the Examiner's objections and rejection of the present application be withdrawn and this application be passed to allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned for a discussion of same.

Respectfully submitted,



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